

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

**Nominations of Houck, Minnick, Davis and Bell Recalled by Governor.**

**WERE SENT IN BY EX-GOV. STONE**

**Use of Hall of House Granted to Judge John Stewart to Reply to Colonel McClure on General Robert E. Lee Monument Bill.**

Harrisburg, Jan. 27.—A large number of bills were introduced in the senate last night.

The senate concurred in the house resolution providing for the representation of the state of Pennsylvania at the Good Roads convention to be held in Detroit, Mich.

A communication from Governor Pennypacker asking for the recall of the nominations of Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah; W. G. Minnick, of Allegheny; and George W. Davis, of Scranton, to be members of the state pharmaceutical board, and W. W. Bell, of Allegheny, to be a boiler inspector, was read. These nominations were sent in by Governor Stone, and Houck and Davis have already been confirmed.

The bill authorizing the creation of a bureau of elevator inspection which came up for final passage, was sent back to committee. No bills were passed finally, but a number were advanced to second and third reading.

It was decided that the sessions of the senate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall convene at 11 o'clock a. m. in the house.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 to the state board of health for the suppression of smallpox in various parts of Pennsylvania was reported to the house last night by Mr. Anderson, of Washington, and was read the first time today.

Mr. Campaign, of Tioga, offered a resolution to revoke the action by which the use of the hall of the house was granted to Colonel A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, for today, to explain the purpose of the Cooper bill appropriating \$20,000 for a monument in General Robert E. Lee on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Mr. McClure, of Lancaster, offered a motion, which was adopted by a vote of 114 to 39, to lay the resolution on the table. On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Montgomery, the use of the hall of the house was granted to Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg, to reply to Colonel McClure.

The calendar was cleared of first reading bills, after which the house adjourned until 10 a. m. today.

**Personal Registration Bill.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The personal registration bill drafted and introduced by the joint committee for the promotion of election reforms in Pennsylvania, of which Clinton Rogers Woodruff is chairman, will be presented to the legislature this week, probably today. Representative Herman G. Hutt will offer the bill and use his best endeavors to have it adopted.

The bill was prepared to carry out the purposes of the personal registration constitutional amendments, adopted by the voters of the state at the November election of 1901. It also is intended to prevent registration frauds in the larger cities of the commonwealth. The proposed act relates only to the cities of the state, and in no wise affects the country districts or boroughs.

The bill provides that the county commissioners shall divide the cities into registry districts of not more than 2,500 voters. Three registrars are to be appointed for each district by the court of quarter sessions. The registrars are required to sit at the designated places of registration in each district between the hours of 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. and 7:30 and 10 p. m. on certain specified days, preceding the November and February elections, for the purpose of registering voters. Every claim for registration must be made in person. If the majority of the registrars are of the opinion that the claimant is entitled to vote in that district his name is placed on the register of voters, together with his occupation, age, place of birth, time of residence in state, and other general information necessary to identify him.

**Shall Be Continued for a Year.**  
No person shall have the right to vote who shall not have been duly registered, but the names of persons who have personally appeared and been registered shall be continued on the registers for a year from the date of registration without further action on their part. If any citizen shall object to the action of the registrars he may appeal to the court of quarter sessions, but all such applications for correcting the registration lists must be made to the court not later than 10 days preceding the election.

Political parties which may be entitled to watchers at the general election shall be allowed to appoint three watchers in each place of registry. The bill also makes provision for a graduated series of fines of from \$100

to \$1,000 and of imprisonment from one to three years in the cases of registrars convicted of violating their oath of office, and of persons found guilty of false personation or of aiding or abetting false personation.

## ANTHRACITE STRIKE HEARING.

**Claims of Independent Operators Are Taken Up.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The attention of the anthracite coal strike commission was yesterday directed to the claims and charges of the independent operators, the first case presented being that of G. B. Markle & Co., whose collieries are located in and about Jeddo, in the Lehigh region. Ten witnesses for the company were examined, the more important being Sidney Williams, general superintendent of the firm; Gertrude Martin, a professional nurse in the employ of the company, and Frank Walk, general storekeeper at Jeddo.

Superintendent Williams' testimony was based upon the company's answer to miners' demands. He was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Darrow, for the miners' union, and was compelled to admit that, although 13 men were refused re-employment by the company for alleged criminal acts during the strike, he had no knowledge that any one of them had ever been guilty of a criminal act.

Miss Martin was a good witness for the company. She told of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Markle to properly care for the sick employees and stated that where cases of necessity were discovered patients were furnished with medicine and nourishing food free of charge.

Frank Walk described the operations of the "credit" or company store system. The prices of articles, he said, were about the same as those charged by other dealers, but admitted that none other than employees of the company were given credit. He stated also that after the company store system had been abolished and he had resorted to the cash basis he lost two-thirds of his custom.

Samuel Dickson, counsel for the company, sprung a surprise upon the opposing counsel at the morning session by requesting the commission to summon to the stand D. J. McCarthy, of Hazleton, one of the miners' attorneys. Mr. Dickson stated that he desired to question Mr. McCarthy concerning the evictions made by the Markle company and also regarding a statement he had made before the commission at Scranton. Mr. McCarthy demurred for the reason that whatever knowledge he might possess as to the evictions was given him as counsel of the former tenants. Upon Mr. Dickson's assurances that he would not attempt to lead the witness into any unprofessional act or statement Mr. McCarthy took the stand and gave the desired information.

**Damage Suit Settled.**  
Hollidaysburg, Jan. 27.—The suit of Ephraim W. McIntire against the Pennsylvania Railroad company to recover \$600,000 damages for alleged discrimination in freight rates was settled in court yesterday. The amount of the settlement made by the company was stated to be \$75,000.

**Breaker Destroyed by Fire.**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 27.—The breaker of the Melville Coal company, at Lee, this county, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The breaker had been idle for about a year, but was to resume operations in a few days. The loss is placed at \$45,000.

**Sentenced to Death.**  
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 26.—Judge Savidge yesterday sentenced Jacob Coarhart to death for shooting and killing his wife two years ago at their home in this place during an alleged fit of jealousy. His defense was in vain, but the jury found him guilty. He was refused a new trial by Judge Savidge. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

**Mrs. Dowie Sues for Divorce.**  
Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 27.—Mrs. E. J. Dowie has filed suit in the district court of this (Page) county, asking a divorce from her husband, John Murray Dowie, father of Evangelist Dowie, of Illinois. She alleges cruelty and inhuman treatment and asks for alimony.

**Charged With Fatally Whipping Boy.**  
Smith Center, Kan., Jan. 27.—Albert Jordan, a wealthy farmer, and his wife, of Crystal Plains, are in jail here, charged by a coroner's jury with whipping to death Harry Kiper's 4-year-old boy, for whom they were acting as guardians.

**Murder and Suicide.**  
Enid, Okla., Jan. 27.—George H. Price, a carriage maker, shot and killed his wife yesterday and then shot and killed himself. The couple were not living together, and the woman, Price believed, was about to sue for a divorce.

**Kansas Will Investigate.**  
Topeka, Kan., Jan. 27.—The Kansas legislature yesterday appointed a commission to investigate the coal famine. Mine operators and shippers will be summoned to give testimony.

## A NEW ISSUE INJECTED

## INTO DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

**Their Party Organ Takes a Hand and Tries to Force George Brown's Nomination Today.**

The predictions made that today's Democratic primaries would be the warmest held in Connellsville in years will prove the line very closely. There will be four candidates for Burgess. They are F. O. Goodwin, William McCormick, George B. Brown and Joseph McMasters. All of them are from the Third Ward. Jacob Brickman of the Fourth Ward was the last candidate to withdraw. He pulled out of the race last evening. Jake told a reporter for The Courier this morning that there wasn't enough room and he got out of the way in the interest of harmony. Goodwin is going to get the benefit of his withdrawal. William McCormick, who for weeks has been picked as the winner is on the war path. So are his friends. Bill is too big hearted and good natured to be severe, but he was pretty strenuous in his gesticulations on Brimstone corner this morning. It looked as though Bill was telling Chief of Police Berthold Rottler why he should be for him in the Second Ward. The Chief has a following that counts on primary day in the Second and it came to McCormick pretty straight that Goodwin or Brown is going to get the Second Ward vote.

The most interesting development in the Democratic primary fight today was the bid of The Daily News for control of the Democratic organization in the borough. In defiance to the advice of some of the most prominent leaders in the borough The News influence was today thrown to Brown. All along it has been quietly working in his behalf, but this morning the gambler was thrown down to the old Democratic war horses and the challenge was accepted. The News wants Brown. It is credited with throwing out the inference that Brown was slated over McCormick. The latter's friends were not any ways backward in expressing their opinion on the effort of The News to override their decision as to who the nominee for Burgess should be. For a while this morning there were rumors flying that

McCormick would withdraw. This he absolutely denied, however. He hooted the idea that he had been scared off the ticket. Most people believe this too, for Bill isn't the fellow that scares easy. Whatever his opponents have to say against him it is not along the line that he ever shirked a combat when he thought he was right. Meanwhile The News is smilingly confident that they have picked the winner and they have shifted all the water over to one shoulder.

In the Second Ward there is going to be a hard fight. William J. Britt and Thomas Brannon, who were endorsed by the Republicans last Saturday are also suggested on the Democratic ticket. William Sharbaugh and George Snyder are also candidates. Sharbaugh came within six votes of being nominated last year and he is confident that he will land one of the nominations today. For Tax Collector Watson Strawn is a ten to one favorite. He had the nomination in his vest pocket before a vote was cast.

With all the rumors flying about McCormick and Brown F. O. Goodwin has been putting in what he considers some good licks. He has some Democrats for him that can make votes and besides that he has played the smoothest game with the other candidates. So far all the withdrawals have been practically in his favor.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon four candidates were still in the field and all four vowed that they were in to the bitter end. These are William McCormick, Joseph McMasters, F. O. Goodwin and George B. Brown. An effort was made to get McMasters to withdraw, but he refused, saying that he had paid his twenty and wanted a run for his money. The other three say there won't be twenty dollars worth of fun left when they get through.

Rockwell Marietta and Clair Stillwagon, Democratic leaders of the Fourth and Third Wards, are out of town today. Their absence, it is said, has political significance to the candidates.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

**Named Saturday in Tyrone Township and Bullskin.**

Eversen, Pa., Jan. 27.—The Democratic primaries held here on Saturday were the most hotly contested for years. Two hundred and seventy-eight votes were polled, which is three votes more than the highest Democratic vote polled at the last general election, in November, 1902. The following ticket was nominated: Judge of Election, No. 1, Austin Hancy; No. 2, W. D. Koffer; Inspector of Election, No. 1, Thomas Keegan; No. 2, Isaac Fellers; Register Assessor, Nelson King; School Directors, Nathaniel King, Patrick McKevitt; Supervisors, Thomas Bamberg, No. 1; Charles Crossan, No. 2; Tax Collector, John B. Kane; Auditors, Walter Stillwagon, Louis Koller; Township Clerk, J. C. Brownfield.

The Democrats of Scottsdale nominated the following ticket: Judge of Election, J. K. Kerr; Inspector, J. P. Ketter; Burgess, Dr. C. D. Portney; Council, W. B. Feigar, W. M. Kennell; School Directors, J. W. Wiley, Jacob Rittenhouse. Tax Collector, J. H. Clarke; Auditor, J. A. Grumbly.

The strenuous Democrats of Bullskin have nominated the following ticket: School Directors, Solomon Ketter, A. P. Stillwagon and Frank Yothers; Tax Collector, Frank R. Bell; Supervisors, No. 1, William Workman; No. 2, Grant Firestone; No. 3, V. S. Harbaugh; No. 4, Adam Snyder.

The Republicans of Upper Tyrone township will hold their primaries today and expect to pick some winners. Daniel F. Shupe of Fifth avenue, Scottsdale, tells a hard luck story. He says he went to work last Friday morning and when he returned in the evening he found his wife gone, also nearly all of his household goods, which he found had been shipped to West Virginia, whither his wife had fled.

**B. & O. to Change Route.**  
The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has put a corps of engineers at work to survey an entirely new route for its Cheat river line. Instead of going up the river from Point Marion the route will follow West run to Easton and will then make for the river, touching it at Ice's Ferry. Morgantown is full of railroad rumors concerning this branch of the road, but none of them can be verified.

**Robert Burns' House.**  
The house in which Robert Burns died at Dumfries is now let as a dwelling place at a rent of \$55 a year.

**Growth of Sugar Beets.**  
In the eleven States interested in the industry 260,000 acres are sown in sugar beets.

## FAYETTE LEADS.

**Was a Big Increase During the Second Half of 1902.**

The Mineral Resources of the United States for the calendar year 1902, recently issued by the Geological Survey gives some interesting facts and figures concerning the coal production of Pennsylvania. A table on the bituminous coal production, by counties, for the year 1900 shows that 4,866,133 tons, valued at \$4,721,423 were produced in Washington county. The average price per ton was 97 cents; the average number of days during which the mines were in operation 217, and the average number of employees 6,109.

The report states that the total production of Pennsylvania in 1901 was \$2,305,945 tons, the spot value of which was \$21,397,586. The counties of Fayette and Westmoreland, in which is included the Connellsville coking region, continue at the head of the coal producing counties of Pennsylvania. These two counties in 1901, contributed over 31,350,000 short tons, or 38 per cent. of the total bituminous product of the State. Fayette continued in the first place, having an output in 1902 of a little over a million tons in excess of that of Westmoreland county.

Allegheny county, which includes a large proportion of the Pittsburgh district, is a third in importance, with a reproduction in 1901 of 10,307,100 short tons. Cambria county, which includes the iron and steel industries in the vicinity of Johnstown, is fourth in importance, and was credited with a production in 1901 of 9,045,201 short tons.

Following these among the more important coal producing counties are Washington county, with a production in 1901 of 5,910,621 short tons; Clearfield county, with 5,886,407 short tons; Jefferson county, with 5,806,568 short tons; and Somerset county with 4,831,660 short tons. All of these counties with the exception of Clearfield and Jefferson, increased their productions in 1901 as compared with 1900. The largest increase was in Fayette county, which is credited with a gain of 1,121,932 short tons, Washington county increased its production 1,054,183 short tons, and Cambria county is credited with a gain of 884,835 tons.

In 1900 Washington county ranked seventh in the coal producing counties of Pennsylvania, and in 1901 it ranked fifth. Of the 5,910,621 tons produced in Washington county, 5,807,688 were loaded at the mines for shipment; 26,339 tons were sold to the local trade and used by employees; 75,984 tons were used at the mines for steam and heat. According to this report not a single ton was made into coke. The total value of the Washington county product is placed at \$5,751,931; the average price per ton at 97 cents; the average number of days active, 210, and the average number of employees 7,290. This shows that the total number of persons employed in the mines in 1891 was 1,181 greater than the preceding year. Some idea of the growth of the coal business in Washington county is given by the table of comparisons by years. By an examination of this it appears that in 1897 the total production of Washington county was 3,862,661. A very striking fact about these figures is that they show that Washington county made the largest percentage of gain, 217, of any county in Pennsylvania.

## WILL WASH MAIN STREET.

**Superintendent Fife Offers to Keep Thoroughfare Clean.**

Superintendent Fife of the local divisions of the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Connellsville Railway Company offers to keep Main street nicely washed from end to end if Council will allow him the use of the hose. He made this proposition to the Street Committee some time ago, and it has never been accepted. Speaking of the matter to a Courier reporter Monday Superintendent Fife said:

"It would be a matter of economy for us to wash Main street regularly, and we would be willing to do it. The wagons cover the rails with street dirt, and it is necessary for us to use large quantities of sand to handle our cars on the steep grade. This would not be necessary if we could keep the street clean. Residents and property owners complain about the condition of the street. Let us use the borough's hose, and we will keep the street in first class condition."

## New Dry Goods Store.

Long Bros., of Steubenville and Cambridge, Ohio, and Punsutawney and Spring Mills, Pa., are making arrangements to open two large stores in Connellsville and Uniontown respectively. Their Connellsville store will be in the McClellan block. Their Uniontown store will be in the corner of Main and Third streets, between the Pennsylvania stores, and his headquarters will be at Uniontown, Pa.

## Colonel Sutton's Job.

Al. Sutton's job as transcribing clerk at Harrisburg will pay him \$7 a day, which is much better than second clerk in the County Commissioners' office.

## THE MISSION CAUSE

**Will be Forwarded by Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church.**

**PLANS BEING MADE TODAY**

**For Group Meetings to Be Held in Connellsville Sub District of the McKeesport Conference District. Noted Speakers to Be Secured.**

In the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. today a meeting of Methodist Episcopal ministers is being held in the interest of a forward movement of missions. Some weeks ago Presiding Elder J. E. Murray of the McKeesport district, outlined some work along this line. For the better handling of the movement the district was divided into the McKeesport and Connellsville districts. The Connellsville district is composed of 28 charges, and it is the pastors of these who are in session here today.

Monday afternoon a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society was held here. The committee is composed as follows: Rev. B. G. Laughrey, Uniontown, President; Dr. Mark A. Riggs, Connellsville, Secretary; W. T. Braden, Meyersville; J. D. Bryson, Dawson, and C. L. Smith, Mt. Pleasant. This Executive Committee arranged for ministerial exchanges on Sunday, April 5. On this date the pastors of the 28 churches will exchange pulpits with each other, for the purpose of explaining the missionary movement to the different churches and soliciting their support. It is thought that better results can be secured in this manner than by pastors introducing the subject to their home congregations.

At the meeting today, which was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms because the Methodist Church is undergoing repairs, plans were formulated for the holding of a series of group meetings. The Connellsville district has been divided into seven groups, and the meetings will be held at the common centers of these, some time during the month of March. Prominent speakers will be featured at these meetings. Among those who Presiding Elder Murray is making an effort to secure are Bishop C. D. Foss, Dr. J. W. Bashford, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O.; Dr. W. F. McDowell, Secretary of the Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Miss Agnes McAllister, author of "A Lone Woman in Africa," who has been engaged in African missionary work for the past dozen years, and F. D. Gamewell, who had charge of the construction of the defenses during the siege of Peking, and to whom great credit is given for the final rescue of the missionaries and the legations during the uprising of the Boxers. These, and perhaps others, will be secured to present the cause of missions at the various group meetings.

## SAYS CHECK WAS FORGED.

**Randolph Nutt Arrested at Donora Monday On Serious Charge.**

Chief of Police D. W. G. Cooper of Monessen, and Chief Sarver of Monongahela on Monday arrested Randolph Nutt of Monongahela, charged with forging a check for \$100. Nutt presented a check at the First National Bank of Monessen, signed by J. Stokely Elliott of Brownsville, payable to himself. When Nutt presented the check to the bank it was refused, but later Nutt returned with the name of Dr. W. B. Stewart attached as a witness to his identity. When the check reached Brownsville Monday Mr. Elliott pronounced it a forgery and notified the Monessen authorities. Nutt was located in Donora and arrested.

Nutt is a son of the late Stephen Nutt, one of the most prominent men of Fayette county.

## A BRILLIANT QUARANTINE.

**Infested House at Valley Works Gaily Decorated with Flags.**

There is not much danger of any strangers unconsciously wandering into the house at Valley Works, where five of the seven cases of smallpox that exist there are under quarantine. The front of the house, which can be seen from the Pennsylvania railroad, is almost covered with big green signs telling of the presence of the plague, and from the roof a number of yellow flags flutter in the wind.

The cases, which are in charge of Dr. Arthur Walde of Scottsdale, are moderately serious, and the patients have good chances of recovery. The School Board of Upper Tyrone township is taking every possible precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

## First on Record.

For the first time on record a young lady has won the literary medical scholarship at Queen's College, Galway.

## CONFISCATING TIME.

**This Is the Charge Made by Senator Hale Against Mr. Quay.**

### STATEHOOD BILL HOLDS FORT.

House Makes New Record by Passing Military Academy Bill Without a Single Word of Debate—Sensation in Lessler Bribery Hearing.

Washington, Jan. 27.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Quay, in charge of the omnibus statehood bill, insisted on its consideration to the exclusion of other business. When Senator Platt, of New York, attempted to call up a committee report providing for the printing of a document Mr. Quay objected. Mr. Hale thereupon declared that Mr. Quay was confiscating the time of the senate. The latter replied calmly that this could be obviated by allowing a vote on the statehood bill. A resolution of Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, questioning the credentials of Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, who signed with Secretary Hay the canal treaty, caused the senate to go into a long executive session. At its conclusion the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed. The Lodge amendment providing for a reorganization of the consular service was ruled out of order and debate thereby cut off.

At 4:30 p. m. the senate adjourned until today.

In the House.

The house yesterday made a new record in the matter of appropriation bills. The military academy bill was passed without a single word of debate. The Indian bill, which followed, was not completed yesterday, as Mr. Burton (Rep., O.) made a long speech on it in general criticism of the policy of the government toward the Indians. A resolution was adopted calling on the postmaster general for the correspondence in the Indianapolis Miss. postoffice case.

The house at 5:20 p. m. adjourned.

**Lessler Investigation.**  
Philip Doblin, who testified before the house committee on naval affairs Saturday that he had approached Representative Lessler, of New York, with an offer of money to influence his vote on the submarine boat bill, and who made the further statement that he had been told there might be \$1,000 in it for him, made the astounding statement before that committee yesterday that he had made statements Saturday which were not true and that he wanted to retract his statement that Mr. Quigg had tendered a bribe to him.

The statement came without any previous warning that Doblin intended making any such retraction. Members of the committee looked at each other in amazement as Doblin went on with his statement.

**Denied Previous Statements.**

Gustavus Rogers, an attorney, arose in the committee room after the first witness had left the stand yesterday morning and said that he appeared for Mr. Doblin, who had stated to him that he (Doblin) had made some statements Saturday which were true and some which were false, and held in his hand a statement to which Mr. Doblin had sworn. The committee was unanimous in agreeing that Doblin appear in person forthwith. He was called and made specific denial of all statements he had previously made wherein he alleged attempts at bribery. He was rigidly cross-examined by practically every member of the committee and pressed vigorously for explanation of his action of yesterday, but persisted that he told the truth yesterday and adhered to his denials. When Doblin had left the stand the committee's program, which contemplated calling Dr. W. R. Kerr to the stand, was abandoned, and it went into secret session. Some of the members, in view of the remarkable developments, favored dropping the investigation, but others urged that it be continued. It is understood that Mr. Lessler, asked that he be permitted to make a statement, and said that he had another witness he would call, whereupon the committee decided to meet again at 10:30 today.

Representative Lessler was present in the committee room when Doblin gave his testimony.

**May Come Up Again.**

It was stated last night that Philip Doblin, the witness who yesterday retracted his previous testimony before the house naval affairs committee, investigating the Lessler submarine torpedo boat charges, had left the city for New York. The admissions made by Mr. Doblin were discussed informally by the committee yesterday, with a view to determining if any action should be taken in the case. Some of the members expressed the opinion that this should be done, while others were disposed to let the matter drop. No positive determination was reached, but it is probable the matter may come up for future consideration.

**Loss \$490,000.**

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The large department store of A. Lederer & Co., occupying nearly the entire block between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, on Halstead street, was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of \$490,000. Nearly the entire loss was on the stock. The store was crowded with shoppers when the alarm was given, but all had ample time to make their escape.

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEET.

Thirtieth Annual Banquet Made Memorable by Eloquent Eulogies of Great Men.

New York, Jan. 27.—The thirtieth annual banquet of the Confederate veterans camp of New York held last night at the Waldorf-Astoria, was made memorable by eloquent eulogies of the great figures of the south and north during the Civil War by men who fought in the armies opposing them.

Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, a soldier of the Union, responded to the toast of Robert E. Lee, and Colonel Henry Watterson, a soldier of the Confederacy, paid tribute to the character of Abraham Lincoln. The third toast to Jefferson Davis was responded to by William Hepburn Russell, formerly of Missouri, and now commissioner of accounts of New York city.

Upwards of 500 comrades of the camp and their guests were present, and the presence of many women lent brilliancy to the banquet.

Commander Henry Owen presided, with Mayor Low at his right and Colonel Watterson at his left.

The opening toast to "The president and the army and navy of the United States—a prince among the rulers of the world and but a servant of a free people"—was drunk standing amid great applause, the orchestra rendering "Hail Columbia." This was followed by the toast to General Lee—"Nature made him and then broke the mould."

This was succeeded by the rendering of "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and songs of antebellum days by Mrs. Hillingsworth Watkins, formerly of Louisiana.

Then followed the toast to Abraham Lincoln—"He was not for an age, but for all time."

The final toast of the evening was to "The Silent Brigade," all rising and a bugle sounding "taps."

**Citizens Indignant.**

Stratford, Ia., Jan. 27.—Stratford citizens are indignant over the arrest of over 30 persons for holding up a Northwestern coal train here Sunday and seizing several cars of fuel. But little coal had been shipped to Stratford for weeks and a famine existed. When the train stopped for water the news spread rapidly and soon a mob of 500 persons with wagons, baskets and coal scuttles were at the tracks. A car was broken into and the citizens eagerly helped themselves. When the raid was over only a few tons remained in the cars. The railroad officials notified the sheriff at Webster City, who immediately left for Stratford and made the arrests. Excitement is intense and trouble is expected when the prisoners are brought to trial. All were granted bail.

**Fatal Mine Fire.**

Terro Haute, Ind., Jan. 27.—The tipple of the Harris Lankford mine, three miles west of here, was burned yesterday morning. One man was killed and four others were so badly suffocated that their recovery is doubtful. The mine, which is a small one, has but one entrance, and fire destroyed the hoisting machinery, rendering the work of rescue very difficult. The 20 men working below were hoisted to the surface by ropes, and all were more or less suffocated. The dead: James Webster, aged 35, married, no children. Probably fatally injured: Archer Conking, Virgil Conking, James Blackburn and an unknown man, a visitor to the mine.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.**

The fortifications appropriation bill reported to the house yesterday carries \$7,093,943, being \$205,012 less than the current law. The bill contains no new legislation.

The senate committee on interstate commerce yesterday unanimously agreed to report the Elkins anti-trust bill, with some amendments that a sub-committee are perfecting.

The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals yesterday authorized a favorable report on the bill now prohibiting the granting of contracts in relation to the proposed Pan-American canal to any but American citizens.

The senate committee on Philippines yesterday decided to substitute the committee currency bill for the house bill and report it to the senate. The senate bill is the same as that reported from the house insular affairs and which was defeated in the house last week.

A report prepared by Representative Littlefield to accompany the anti-trust bill reported to the house by the judiciary committee was presented yesterday by Representative Overstreet, of Indiana. Mr. Littlefield has been in New England investigating the coal situation along the coast. The report treats of the trust question at great length.

The president yesterday sent to the senate an agreement with Cuba extending the time for the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. Under the terms of the Cuban treaty ratification was required by the 31st of January, and it had become apparent that the time limit was too short. He also transmitted the Canadian boundary treaty to the senate.

The navy department has ordered the Marcellus from Cuba to Havana, to remove the remainder of the American coal there. There is about 900 tons left. It developed yesterday that the fleet in the West Indies is being kept constantly informed as to the details of the Venezuelan situation. Denial is made, however, that any recent orders to ships have been influenced by a threatened clash with foreign powers.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Town.

A drawing for an elk's tooth will be held at the Elk's home on Main street Wednesday evening.

The Douglas College recently had five calls for competent office help within eight days. Now is the time to enter.

Mrs. W. W. Warner of Dunbar was among the shoppers in Connellsville Monday afternoon. Miss Martha Greer was also a caller from Dunbar.

Dr. Woods has removed his dental rooms to the new First National Bank building, second story, lower front room, immediately over the bank room.

Mrs. James Ryan returned to her home in Ruffsale Monday after a week's visit at the home of her father, Crawford Stillwagon, Snyder street, East End.

S. H. and L. L. Sparks of Indian Head two representative Democrats of Saltlick township, were in town Monday on their way to Uniontown where they went to look after some legal matters.

There was a big attendance at the drill held in Company D's armory Monday evening. The members of the Company are interested in making a good showing at the spring inspection, which is not far distant.

The grocery store of A. E. Wagoner on Main street, New Haven, was burglarized Sunday night and 100 pounds taken from the cash drawer, that being its total contents. No other goods were taken. There is no clue to the thieves.

S. R. Mason, the local music dealer, has presented the Sunday School of the Christian Church at Monaca with an organ. Mr. Mason learned in an indirect way that the Sunday School needed an organ, and his generous gift followed.

David Brisbane, formerly a slide trombone player in the Connellsville Military Band, who has been working at New Kensington, Pa., has returned to resume his old position at the Humbert plant of the American Tin Plate Company. He will take his old place in the band in a short time.

Rev. G. G. Kerr, formerly pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Searights, who recently accepted a call to the Donora church, was in Connellsville for a short time between trains Monday. He was returning home from Johnstown, where he delivered one of his popular lectures.

Herman O. Welker, formerly of the firm of Welker & McCashin, plumbers, and who recently sold his interest in that firm to Mr. McCashin, expects to engage in the merchant plumbing business again in the near future. At present he is engaged as clerk at the Iran, Allegheny Hotel.

Michael Dolan, a well known character about Connellsville, died Sunday evening, January 25, at the Commercial Hotel in Latrobe. He had been making his home with his brother, James Dolan, proprietor of the hotel. He was 42 years of age. The remains were interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, Latrobe.

A party composed of George F. Tilley, O. K. Fry, Charles H. Coates and C. H. Corley, all of Uniontown, passed through town Monday evening en route to Florida and the South. They will go to Tampa, Florida, for a hunt; from there to Cuba, and returning will spend awhile at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. They expect to be gone for more than a month.

There's a great change in the appearance of the old Hoop fish pond on the Springfield road just out of town since it has been reclaimed by Charles Bishop. A number of pretty residences have been built on the plan of lots, and several more will be started as soon as spring opens up. A sewer has been laid through the bottom of the old pond for drainage.

A current issue of the Andersonville, Ind., Daily News contains a sketch of Attorney Sparks Brooks of that place. It speaks of him as "one of the busiest and best lawyers at the Madison county bar." Mr. Brooks is an old Fayette county boy, and a brother of M. D. L. Brooks, manager of R. M. Hunt & Co.'s store. He was a popular school teacher in Fayette before he went West.

**Photographs of Harper's Ferry.**

The January number, "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, gives an interesting article on the recent advances made in panoramic photography. Illustrating same with half tone reproductions of the most remarkable photographs ever taken of Harper's Ferry. Each of the original photographs, taken from opposite points of view, represent 180 degrees of the horizon, showing for the first time to magnificent distances in the scenery at this historic point. One of the photos is taken at an altitude of 350 feet, on Maryland Heights, looking down upon the village. It not only takes in the whole village but includes the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and portions of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. The other is taken from Bolivar Heights, looking eastward, showing the great gap which is the eastern gateway of the Allegheny.

The photographs are panels 31 inches long by seven inches wide, and are among the most artistic of the many photographs of the famous Baltimore & Ohio scenery. Copies of the pictures will be made on aristocratic paper, mounted for framing, for \$2 each, not including express charges, on application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Baltimore.

Copies of the "Book of the Royal Blue" will be mailed to any address on receipt of five cents; or will be mailed for one year for 50 cents.

## CONNELLSVILLE THEATRE.

FRED ROBBINS, Manager.

**ONE SOLID WEEK,**

Commencing

**Monday Evg., Jan. 26,**

Jere Grady Presents

**THE GRADY STOCK COMPANY.**

Carload Scenery, Specialties, Songs, Dances, Moving Pictures, etc.

**Monday—Garrison Girl.**

**Tuesday—Hunted Down.**

**Wednesday—Paw Ticket 210.**

**Thursday—Myrtle Ferns.**

**Friday—Sunset Mines.**

**Saturday—Ranch King.**

**Saturday Matinee—An American Princess.**

Prices, 10, 20, 30 & 50.

Seats on Sale at Clarke's Jewelry Store.

**Your Clothes Repaired.**

We have added a completely equipped Repairing Department and will hereafter make it a regular part of our business.

Clothing cleaned, repaired and pressed in the best possible manner at reasonable rates.

Give our Repairing Department a trial.

**E. W. HORNER,**

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, New Marietta Building, The White Front.

**It's a Question,**

And often a very puzzling one, where you will get good, fresh groceries when you want a nice dinner.

**We'll Solve The Problem.**

Let us know the minute you want the groceries, and we'll supply so promptly that it will surprise you.

**W. R. SCOTT,**

The Grocer, 238 N. Pittsburg Street.

**WATCH**

For Announcement of

**Special Wall Paper Bargains**

at **Tannehill's**

The Stationer, Next door to Title & Trust Building.

**Always Look for Our Ad.**

You will find announcements here from time to time that will be interesting.

**Watch Repairing** is given the strictest attention and all work guaranteed.

**C. L. CLARKE,** N. Pittsburg St., Connellsville.

## RELIABLE.

A small word, wide in meaning. We use it in its broadest sense when we apply it to our large line of **The Finest Jewelry.**

**No Disappointment When You Purchase Here**

You are also safe in depending upon us for Perfect Watch Repairing. We put intelligence into our work, and are careful that your watch gets just what it needs.

**WAYS'**

Next Door P. O. W. Main Street.

## A CONTINUOUS EXPOSITION

This big store is a continuous Exposition of beautiful things in

**Carpets**

**Curtains & Draperies**

**Oriental Rugs**

No matter what your need in these lines, you will find it provided for here. In Carpets we are showing some wonderfully rich effects in English Wiltons—made expressly for us.

You can buy by Mail— if you can't come in person.

**Oliver McClintock Co.**

219 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg

## Union Supply Company,

—DEALERS IN—

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

45 Department Stores—45

## Sell Everything.

We have some very desirable bargains to offer in all departments, and should like to see you, if you need anything, or if you are not in need of anything come in anyway and look at us, you may find something you want and did not know it. Come and see our stores, you will be benefited at least by your visit, just by having seen what we are doing, what great progressive mercantile establishments we are conducting and how much good we are doing for the general public by keeping down prices and keeping up quality. We are leaders in our business, we never follow. The other fellow gets his cue from us, and we keep them all moving. We are the competition you have heard so much about, "THE LIFE OF TRADE."

Now we are going to close out a lot of goods in our Dry Goods departments, Dress Goods departments, Ladies' Tailoring departments, Ladies' Dress Skirt departments, Fancy Goods departments, All Woolen Goods departments, Men's Clothing departments (Overcoats in particular), and Shoe departments. We are right at home in this line. You will never have your Shoes exactly right until you buy them from us. Our Men's Cap departments have something particularly attractive to show you.

Our Furniture and Carpet departments are not the least by any means. In fact there are few as good.

Our Grocery and Provision departments are beyond comparison. Our goods are always fresh and the best. Have you never been told so by one of our customers? If not, please ask them, we are sure they will tell you that we are the best people for the customer in the business.

We dress our own Fresh Meats and have nicely equipped markets connected with all our stores.

**Union Supply Company.**

## ADVERTISING RATES

Advertisers are requested to read these rates carefully and understandingly. They mean just what they say and will be strictly adhered to.

### DAILY.

#### Display Advertisements.

One insertion, 25c per inch each insertion.  
One week, 15c per inch each insertion.  
One month, 10c per inch each insertion.  
Six months, 7c per inch each insertion.  
This contemplates continuous insertions. E. O. D. or other irregular insertions one-half more.

Advertisements of one column or less will be changed three times per week without extra charge. Advertisements of more than one column will be changed twice a week without extra charge. For additional changes the compositor's time will be charged extra at the rate of 35c per hour.

Twenty-four hours' notice must be given of the withdrawal of any display advertisement.

No display advertisement guaranteed insertion on the same day copy is furnished. All copy should be in the hands of the compositor 24 hours before publication.

Notice of page and half-page advertisements must be given the business office from two to three days in advance of publication to insure insertion.

Special terms for transient advertising in large quantities.

Special positions not guaranteed.

The publisher reserves the right to refuse the insertion of unsightly cuts or advertising deemed objectionable.

#### Wants, For Sale, To Lets, Etc.

5c per line each insertion. No advertisement less than 25c.

#### Reading Notices.

5c per line (black letter counts double.)  
Special rate on yearly notices.  
Brief Card of Thanks, not over twenty lines, 50c.  
Obituary poetry, 10c per line.  
Obituary notices that have no news value, 5c per line.  
Obituary resolutions and resolutions of respect, etc., 5c per line.  
Notices of entertainments, suppers, etc., by churches and societies, given for revenue, 5c per line.

#### Legal and Official Advertising.

\$1.00 per inch for the first insertion and 50c per inch for each subsequent insertion.  
Administrators' and Executors' Notices, \$3.00 each.

#### Theatrical Advertising.

10c an inch for each insertion.

#### Circus Advertising.

30c per inch for the first insertion and 20c for each subsequent insertion.

### WEEKLY.

#### Display Advertisements.

Ten inches or more, one month or more, 15c per inch each insertion.

Less than 10 inches, one month or more, 20c per inch each insertion.

Transient advertisements, 25c per inch each insertion.

All advertisements in the weekly subject to the same conditions as those named for the daily edition, save that orders for space must be in by Monday of each week, and copy for same not later than Tuesday to insure insertion. Advertisements changed every week if desired without extra charge, but copy for large advertisements must be in by Monday evening.

All other advertisements same as daily rates.

## THE COURIER,

Daily and Weekly,

Connellsville, Pa.

Office, 137½ W. Main Street.



## THE IROQUOIS TITLE.

Its Purchase Opened a Grand Area in Pennsylvania.

### MASON AND DIXON'S OLD LINE.

Dispute Over the Famous Boundary. Some Historical Data Relating to Colonel William Crawford and His Relations with George Washington.

The purchase of the Iroquois title in 1763 opened a grand area to pushing Scotch-Irishmen of Pennsylvania and the Shenandoah valley. The Pennsylvania proprietors established a land office at Pittsburgh in the spring of 1769, but the westward extent of Pennsylvania was so doubtful that most of those who took patents from this office were settled east of the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers, while into the country west of those streams the Virginians thronged and made settlements in all the valleys of what is now Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Panhandle of West Virginia. It was easier to secure land titles under Virginia than under Pennsylvania, for the Virginia fees were smaller, and, indeed, under that colony the building of a cabin and the raising of a crop entitled a man to 400 acres, known as a settler's right, writes Edgar C. Hassler in the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A majority of the settlers preferred the authority of Virginia. The Scotch-Irish did not admire the Quaker government at Philadelphia, because of its lack of combative energy, and not a few of the emigrants from Central Pennsylvania became partisans of Virginia in the transmontane territory. Others who made their way into this new region were reckless characters or fugitives from justice, who favored a disputed jurisdiction because, at least for a time, it meant no jurisdiction, no law and no taxes. A band of settlers in the Redstone district entered into an agreement, under a penalty of violation, not to recognize the authority of either colony and not to pay taxes while the contention lasted.

No man knew where the western boundary of Pennsylvania should run. According to the charter of Charles II it was to be five degrees west from the Delaware river, but no one had fully measured these five degrees. Mason and Dixon ran the southern line of Pennsylvania 233 miles toward the West during 1763-7, but at the Monongahela river their Indian guides deserted them and there the surveyors set up their last milepost and returned eastward. It seems as if the fact that Mason and Dixon had not reached the extent of five degrees by 30 miles should have satisfied the Virginians that they had no claim to the Valley of the Monongahela, but it did not.

Some said Mason and Dixon had made errors. Colonel Croghan maintained that the line should be measured at the rate of 48 miles to the degree, as that was the length of a degree at London, where the charter was written. This was absurd, but the best Croghan could do. It would have made a difference of 23 miles. Others held that the distance should be measured along the northern boundary of Pennsylvania. Still others said the western boundary of Pennsylvania should be a meandering line, conforming everywhere to the course of the Delaware river in all its crookedness. Such a line would have given a considerable part of the Monongahela Valley to Virginia.

In 1772 the greatest flow of settlers took place into the Monongahela valley and all along the river and its tributaries the cabins of Virginians were built. Other hardy men from the Old Dominion settled in the Chartiers valley, where Paul Froman, from the Shenandoah, constructed a small fort. Still other Virginians made their clearings on the streams that flow into the Ohio from the east. Along the Braddock road the pioneers were Virginians; along the Forbes road Pennsylvanians.

In 1770 the Walpole Company of England proposed to establish in this disputed territory a new colony to be called Vandalla. It was to lie along the eastern and southern sides of the Ohio river from a point opposite the mouth of the Scioto to the boundaries of Pennsylvania. The Virginians understood this to mean at least as far as Fort Pitt. The members of the Walpole Company stood well at court and there was a general expectation that the new colony would be organized. On August 14, 1772, George III approved the company's application for a grant and a charter, but the consummation was delayed until the Revolution quashed the proceedings. Vandalla did not come into existence to make the number of revolting colonies 14.

John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, became Governor of Virginia early in 1772. He was a sturdy, rather headstrong Scotchman, with a keen desire for wealth. During his brief Governorship of New York he had secured title to 50,000 acres of land and his passion for real estate did not abate when he was transferred to Virginia. In this respect he found himself among kindred spirits in Williamsburg, for the heads of the first families of Virginia were eager land grabbers. Washington and other men of wealth and position regarded the Walpole Company with extreme disfavor. They were interested not only financially in

Western land claims, but sentimentally in the territory's extent and prestige of the Old Dominion. They urged Dunmore to open for settlement the great territory which Virginia claimed beyond the mountains.

A proclamation by the King, in 1763, forbade the Colonial Governors to grant warrants for lands beyond the Allegheny Mountains, but this proclamation was apparently nullified by the Iroquois purchase of 1768. Colonel Washington was especially insistent in advising the Governor to ignore the proclamation of 1763, which, he maintained, was only a temporary expedient to quiet the Indians during the Pontiac uprising.

The evacuation of Fort Pitt by the British troops in October, 1772, ordered by General Gage for the sake of economy, was one event which precipitated action on the part of Dunmore. This left the way open for a Virginia seizure. Governor Penn of Pennsylvania saw the danger to his authority in the West and begged Gage to restore a small force, but the Commander-in-Chief refused. Croghan was prepared to take advantage of the opportunity to assert Virginia's claim and make his enormous land grant good. Many of the settlers went to him, asking who would protect them, since the soldiers were gone, against a possible uprising of the Indians. It was useless to apply to the Assembly of Pennsylvania. The only alternative was an appeal to Virginia, and such an application was agreeable to the prejudice of a majority of the settlers. The appeals were made to Dunmore and in the spring of 1773 he decided to undertake the long, rough journey to Fort Pitt, to see the country and investigate the chances of a successful occupation in the name of Virginia and the King. He was prompted to make the trip just at that time by the action of the Pennsylvania Government in creating the new county of Westmoreland, to include all the territory of the province west of the Laurel Hill. The formation of this county was as far as the Pennsylvania Assembly would go to strengthen the provincial authority beyond the mountains. It carried with it the appointment of county officers and magistrates near to or within the disputed territory and their influence among their neighbors was reckoned upon to sustain the Pennsylvania jurisdiction.

Captain Arthur St. Clair, a personal representative of the Penn family, living at Fort Ligonier, within 50 miles of Fort Pitt, was appointed Clerk and Recorder of the new county and was directed to take charge of all measures necessary to guard the Western interests of the Penns.

St. Clair was also appointed one of the 16 magistrates for the new county, but the Council chose a Virginia for Chief Magistrate or President of the County Courts. This man was William Crawford, a native of Berkeley county, Va., now 41 years old. At his mother's house Washington had been a lodger when he was surveying for Lord Fairfax in the Shenandoah Valley. Crawford and Washington were of the same age and they formed a lifelong friendship. Crawford learned surveying from Washington, and in 1766 made a settlement on the Youghiogheny river, on the present site of New Haven, opposite Connellsville. He acted as western land agent for Washington. He was a tall, muscular man, courageous and energetic. Mental and physical power made him a frontier leader, but in the boundary dispute his course was vacillating and insincere. While naturally in sympathy with the Virginian claim, he was willing to hold a Pennsylvania commission so long as it contributed to his material interests. It was probably the hope of Governor Penn and his counselors that Crawford's appointment would secure the allegiance of the Youghiogheny settlers, but at the critical moment this hope proved to be a false one.

The other Westmoreland magistrates were chosen as being the principal men in the several settlements. Among them were Thomas Gist, son of the famous Virginia scout, Christopher Gist, who loved not far from Crawford; Captain Alexander McKee, Deputy Indian Agent at Fort Pitt, under the influence of Croghan; Robert Hanna, who kept a tavern on the Forbes road; and Captain Aeneas Mackey, a busy little Scotchman, who had for some years been Commissary to the Royal Irish garrison at Fort Pitt. None of these justices lived west of the Monongahela river, and so uncertain were the Pennsylvanians of the extent of their claim that they made little pretense of authority beyond that stream.

The new county seat was established at the house of Robert Hanna, a large log tavern on the Forbes road, 35 miles east of Pittsburgh. As soon as possible a small log court house was built near the tavern. The backwoods court assembled at Hannastown under the Presidency of the tall Virginian from the Youghiogheny. The first work of the Grand Jury was the indictment of some 30 Virginia settlers on the charge of forcible entry. They were accused of holding lands under Virginia claims for which the Pennsylvania land office had issued patents to other persons. Few of these men were arrested. Some went into court and gave bond, but Connolly afterward prevented their trial. The court also appointed constables and tax officers. These acts Virginia partisans. The news of them was borne to Williamsburg and Lord Dunmore hastened on his journey to Fort Pitt.

The Swedish Schools. Not less than four hours' instruction in English is to be given weekly in the Swedish national elementary schools.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Town.

Brimsone Corner is lively today. Take a course in English at the night school at The Douglas College. Mrs. C. Kimbell of Dunbar was seeing friends and shopping in town Monday.

The house of Mrs. Mary Pickard on East Main street has been released from quarantine. It was closed for about ten days on account of a case of scarlet fever.

Extra Passenger Conductor J. F. Castor of the Baltimore & Ohio has returned to work after a two weeks absence. He runs between Pittsburgh and Connellsville.

The remains of Owen Cave, who died Sunday at his boarding house on East Main street, will be shipped this evening to Broadway, Rockingham county, Va., for interment.

Passenger Conductor Dudley Pickles of the Baltimore & Ohio has resumed his runs, trains Nos. 7 and 8 on the Pittsburgh Division. He was temporarily absent while representing the Order of Railway Conductors at the Baltimore conference.

After the first of February Mace & Co. will cease to give coupons for photo medallions. Yet they will give three weeks time to those who have at least \$5 worth of coupons to secure the necessary amount in order to get a picture. You better hurry up now.

It has been given out that all the offices of the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville Street Railway Company will be removed from Pittsburgh to Greenwood, above New Haven, where it is said the company will erect a new and commodious four story office building. In the Pittsburgh offices 35 men are employed.

Rev. Charles S. Beatty, son of C. S. Beatty of Dunbar, who has been pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church on Forbes street, Pittsburgh, for several years, has accepted a call to the Oakland Presbyterian Church in the same city, and will enter upon his new duties at once. He was very successful in the church which he is leaving. An order has been issued by the Baltimore & Ohio directing trainmen's attention to the paragraph in the Book of Rules relative to placing torpedoes on the rails near stations. The printed instructions on the matter have been violated, and it is the purpose of the company to see that the passengers are fully protected while at stations.

## PIC IRON STATISTICS.

Mined More Coal Than Any Other County in the State.

The Bulletin of the American Iron & Steel Association has received from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of all kinds of pig iron in the United States in 1902. The total production of pig iron in 1902 was 37,821,307 gross tons, against 13,378,354 tons in 1901 and 13,789,242 tons in 1900.

The increase in production in the second half of 1902 over the first half of 1902 was 2,113,159 tons. The total increase in 1902 over 1901 was 1,812,053 tons. The production of Bessemer and low phosphorus pig iron in 1902 was 10,932,168 tons, against 5,596,793 tons in 1901. The production of basic pig iron was 2,028,580 tons, against 1,448,850 tons in 1901.

The production of charcoal pig iron was 175,501 tons against 360,117 tons in 1901. The production of mixed charcoal and coke pig iron was 11,665 tons, against 22,234 tons in 1901. The production of speiseisen and ferro-manganese was 212,981 tons, against 291,161 tons in 1901. In 1901 this country made more pig iron than Great Britain and Germany combined, and in 1902 we made more than these two countries and Belgium combined.

The stocks of pig iron which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers or which were under their control at the end of 1902, and were not intended for their own consumption, amounted to 49,951 tons, against 79,617 tons at the close of 1901 and 442,370 tons at the close of 1900. The whole number of furnaces in blast on December 31, 1902, was 307—against 256 on December 31, 1901, and 232 on December 31, 1900. Of the 17,821,307 tons of pig iron produced in 1902, the five largest producing States were: Pennsylvania, 5,117,900 tons; Ohio, 3,631,388 tons; Illinois, 1,720,220 tons; Alabama, 1,722,211 tons; Virginia, 937,216 tons.

## MID-WINTER EXCURSIONS.

To Washington and Baltimore Very Low Rates via B. & O.

In accordance with its usual custom, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will run two popular mid-winter excursions from Connellsville, Pa., to Washington and Baltimore on January 22 and February 19, 1903, at the very low rate of \$7.35 for the round trip; tickets valid for return ten days, including date of sale. Solid vestibuled trains, standard coaches, Pullman parlor and sleeping cars.

These delightful excursion afford splendid opportunities to visit the National Capital while Congress is in session. Get detailed information from ticket agent. A most complete and fully illustrated guide to Washington may be purchased from agent at 10 cents per copy.

Notice to Taxpayers. All unpaid taxes for the year 1901 and 1902, are now past due and, as I am very anxious to settle the duplicates for those years, as soon as possible, I must insist that all delinquents settle up the arrearages as soon as possible. Unless this matter is given your immediate attention, I will be compelled to invoke the aid of the law in the collection of all unpaid taxes. H. A. Crow, Collector.

THIS STORE CLOSSES AT 6 P. M.

## DUNN'S CASH STORES

### Stock Taking.

And that means finding lots of short lengths and odd pieces that have been overlooked. As soon as these turn up they find their way to the remnant tables. We want to get rid of them if possible before we finish our counting. That is one reason why it will pay you to visit this store these days.

### New Wash Goods.

Now for some talk about new goods. Going to stop this bargain talk, as we told you we would with the coming of February. On Monday, February 2, we make our first showing of the new Wash Goods. Our chief reason for asking you to buy these now is that these are exclusive styles and patterns, most of them, designs and colorings that neither you nor we will be able to get later in the year. We call particular attention to the showing of Dimities at 15c the yard, dainty colorings and designs that go to prove the work of the weaver to be a work of art. A better fabric too than we have ever been able to show you for this price. It's worth your while to buy now in order to get your pick of these.

### Our White Sale.

One Week, commencing Monday, February 9th.

Once each year we give over the Carpet room to a display of Muslin Underwear. Everything is spread out on tables where you can examine them and every garment is marked with the price in plain figures. We want you to visit the room during this sale, feel free to examine every garment, see the kind of material that is in each one, and how each one is made. Of course we will be glad to have you buy if the reduced prices appeal to you, but you will be just as welcome whether you buy or not. This is a display that it is worth your while to come and see; that is, if you enjoy seeing beautiful garments.

DUNN'S CASH STORES  
129, 131, 133 N. PITTSBURG STREET,  
CONNELLVILLE, PA.

## SCHMITZ'S NEW YORK RACKET STORE.

Not only in one line of goods, but in every department you will find

The Prices Are the Lowest.

### Special Shoe Sale Saturday, Monday & Tuesday.

Some choice selections are still to be found in our Millinery, which will go at

### LESS THAN ONE-HALF PRICE.

This opportunity will not occur every day. Now is your chance to secure a valuable, highly ornamental and fashionable trimmed Ladies' Hat. Their beauty and style are unrivaled.

### HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES.

8 cakes Lenox Soap, 25c.  
6 cakes Ivory Soap, 25c.  
3 cakes Tar Toilet Soap, 25c.  
Large Decorated China Plates 10 cents.  
Large size Cups and Saucers, 45c a set.  
White Porcelain Bowl and Pitcher, 75c.  
Slop Jar, lid and bale, Porcelain, 95c.  
Good Geese Feathers, 50c pound.  
3 doz boxes Fast Mail Matches, 2c.  
25 yds. Picture Wire, 4c.  
Good Black Ink, 3c bottle.  
Iron Glue, mends everything, 4c bottle.  
Iron Handles 5c each.  
1 gross, 144 Agate Buttons, 4c.  
Felt Window Blinds, 8c.  
Fancy Table Oil Cloth, 15c yd.  
No. 1 Lamp Chimneys, 4c.  
No. 2 Lamp Chimneys, 5c.  
7 boxes Carpet Tacks, 5c.  
3 cakes Ironing Wax, 5c.  
All colors Filo and twisted Silk, 3c skein.

### Blankets and Comforts.

Large Cotton Blankets 49c  
worth 65c, now.....  
Extra large good quality blankets, worth \$1.25, now go 95c  
All wool Blankets, former price \$3.25, now \$2.98  
Extra fine all wool Blankets, former price \$3.75, now go \$2.98  
Comforts that formerly 50c sold at 65c, now.....  
Extra large Comforts, sold at \$1.00, now 75c  
A fine assortment of Comforts at \$1.25 and \$2.48, worth 1/2 more.

### Dress Goods.

Brown, Drab, Purple and Scarlet Cashmere, price 25, 35 and 49c, now only..... 12 1/2  
Turkey red Table Linen, worth 25c per yard, now goes 15c  
Silver bleached Table Linen worth 75c per yard, now 49c  
Satin finished Table Linen, worth 99c per yard, now 39c  
Best Prints, per yard, only..... 5c  
5-4 Tbleached Muslin per yard..... 5c

### Underwear.

Men's heavy fleeced Shirts and Drawers, worth 49c, now 29c  
Wool fleeced, extra quality Shirts and drawers, worth 75c, now 49c  
Men's double breasted, extra fleeced Underwear, worth 99c, now..... 48c  
Men's natural wool Underwear, worth \$1, now..... 75c  
A full line of Youth's Boys' and Children's Underwear at 1/2 their former price.

### Gloves.

Men's Buckskin Gloves, worth 75c, now..... 49c  
Men's Calfskin Gauntlets, worth 69c, now..... 49c  
Men's Best Buckskin Mittens, worth \$1, now..... 75c  
Men's Mule Hide Gauntlets, worth 49c, now..... 25c  
Youths' and Boys' Gloves..... 25c  
Season's wear will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

166 West Main Street, Connellsville.

## Dorothy Dodd Shoes.

A shoe that doesn't fit is unfit to wear. It may be ever so stylish—built along the latest lines—and yet bind the foot and cause all sorts of trouble. Dorothy Dodd Shoes won't cause you any trouble of this kind. The styles are correct and we will see that you get the right size. It's a pleasure to sell ladies this shoe. It lacks none of the three qualities which all good shoes should have—comfort, durability and style. \$3  
Price always.....  
Sold on their merits.

### Norris & Hooper,

104 West Main Street, Connellsville, Pa.

## Would You Like to Earn More Money?

Of course you would. Then buy Groceries of us. We will save you money, which is the easiest way of earning it, and at the same time give you the best goods to be had at any price.

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| 1 Bushel Potatoes.....70c                | 1 quart Olives.....25c                  |
| 10 pound Pail Lake Herring.....60c       | 1 gallon Maple Syrup.....90c            |
| 10 Bars Soap.....25c                     | 12 pounds Ruckwheat Flour.....35c       |
| 10 pounds Hamlin.....25c                 | 3 boxes Egg Noodles.....25c             |
| 4 pounds Lima Beans.....25c              | 2 Cans Yellow Peaches (heavy syrup) 25c |
| 1 pound Pure Black Pepper.....25c        | 1 Can Best Standard Tomatoes.....10c    |
| 3 dozen Best Matches.....25c             | 20-pound Pail Apple Butter.....85c      |
| 3 quart Bottles Bluing.....25c           | 1 pound Seeded Raisins.....10c          |
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## WILL LIFT BLOCKADE.

Indications Point to Peaceable Settlement of Venezuelan Trouble.

## ITALY IS EAGER TO WITHDRAW.

Minister Bowen at a Late Hour Last Night Had Not Received Answers from the Powers in Reply to His Proposal for Adjustment.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Orders have been sent from Rome to the commanders of the Italian warships in Venezuelan waters, directing them to raise the blockade the instant the English and German fleets do so. This shows plainly that Italy not only herself favors the peaceable settlement which will avoid possible rupture of the cordial relations with the United States which have been strengthened by the Italian ambassador at Washington, but that she is convinced her two allies will also lift the blockade. Such orders would hardly be issued unless the raising of the blockade was regarded in Rome as certain and Italy eager to withdraw from the blockade as soon as possible.

Count Quadri, the German chargé d'affaires at interim, called on President Roosevelt at the White House between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday, ostensibly to present a kinsman, the son of Prince Quadri and the new German military attaché, Major Etzel. It is understood, however, that he delivered an informal message from Emperor William to the president, which bore on the Venezuelan situation, and which was favorable in tone, and to make nearly positive the feeling in the inner administration circle that the Venezuelan situation will soon come to an amicable and satisfactory settlement.

Mr. Bowen, Venezuelan envoy, had at a late hour last night not received answers from the powers in reply to his proposal for settlement. It is expected that these replies will be forthcoming within 24 hours and will be followed quickly by the raising of the blockade, which in turn will be followed by the immediate negotiations and signing of a protocol which will be the basis of settlement on the terms Mr. Bowen has proposed.

Fort Not Seriously Damaged. Maracaibo, Jan. 27.—Fort San Carlos, at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, has not suffered serious damage, except on the side facing the sea, from the bombardment by the German warships.

General Bello declares that the fort is still able to repel any attack by the Germans. This declaration of the condition of the fort is corroborated by a foreigner, who has just returned here from an inspection of the fort.

## UNITED MINERS' OFFICERS.

John Mitchell, W. B. Wilson and T. L. Lewis Re-Elected—Will Continue Assessment.

Indianapolis, Jan. 27.—The report of the tellers on the recent election of national officers of the United Mine Workers by the recently taken referendum vote was made yesterday, showing that John Mitchell, who had no opposition for president, received 55,032 votes, and W. B. Wilson, who had no opposition for secretary-treasurer, received 50,125 votes. Vice President T. L. Lewis, of Ohio, was re-elected by a vote of 29,033 to 17,249.

The election of delegates to the American Federation of Labor resulted in the selection of John Mitchell, W. B. Wilson, T. L. Lewis, W. D. Ryan, of Illinois; John Fahey, of Schuylkill; W. H. Haskins, of Ohio, and John Dempsey, of Pennsylvania. The alternates are W. R. Fralley, of Ohio; Paul Pulaski, of Pennsylvania; G. W. Pursell, of Indiana; Chris Evans, of Ohio; C. W. Savage, of Ohio; J. H. Kennedy, of Indiana, and D. H. Sullivan, of Ohio.

Indianapolis was selected as the place for holding the next convention by a practically unanimous vote. It was decided to leave the executive board free in placing the salaries of organizers.

Michael McTaggart, John Mossap and Patrick Fitzsimmons were declared elected auditors and Joseph Pope, Enoch Bennett and John C. Heenan alternates.

The special committee on defense fund, appointed at the suggestion of President Mitchell, recommended the establishment of a large defense fund, but did not deem it advisable at this time to establish a national defense fund. Owing to the unorganized condition of the miners in many of the districts it was thought best to continue the 10 cents per month assessment for another year. The committee advocated that each district accumulate and maintain a fund until it became sufficiently large to meet any crisis.

## Judge Porter Resigns.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—Judge William W. Porter, the Philadelphia member of the superior court of Pennsylvania, yesterday forwarded his resignation to Governor Pennypacker, to take effect Jan. 31.

Descendant of Daniel Boone. New Cambria, Mo., Jan. 27.—Fay Boone, an old-time Mississippi river captain and a direct descendant of Daniel Boone, is dead at his home here, aged 89 years.

## THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Closing Very Dull, but Firm at Top Prices—Bonds Were Dull and Heavy.

New York, Jan. 27.—The professional traders in stocks were in a more cheerful frame of mind yesterday and expressed relief over the good prospects reported for the settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty and the lifting of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast. There is no doubt that the state of irritation that has accompanied the blockade has been an influence toward depression in the financial world, but yesterday's market did not indicate conclusively that it was that alone that withheld people from taking commitments in securities. The market had one or two spurts, when an appearance of considerable animation was imparted to the trading, but at other times the trading was actually stagnant.

Money on call steady at 3 1/4 per cent, closing at 3 1/2. Time money firm; 60 days, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cent; 90 days, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent; 6 months, 5 1/4 to 5 1/2 per cent.

The large business in the country indicates a profitable use for money, which does not promise well for the addition of supplies available for speculative uses. The bond market given equal evidence of the preference of capital for other forms of employment at this time. The closing was very dull, but firm, at about the top.

Bonds were dull and heavy. Total sales, par value, \$3,210,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Honolulu, Jan. 27.—The non-arrival of the ship Florence, 51 days out from Tacoma to this port, is causing some anxiety. Vessels arriving from Papeete report storms. The Florence is an old vessel and it is rumored that she was leaking when here last.

Manila, Jan. 27.—It is reported here that a volunteer force organized at Batangas, province of Zambales, for the purpose of dispersing the Ladrones in that vicinity, has been defeated and that three Americans, including Mr. Osborne, a teacher, were killed.

London, Jan. 27.—It is now generally conceded that the death sentence passed upon Colonel Arthur Lynch, who was found guilty of high treason on Friday last, will be commuted to penal servitude for life, subject to further consideration after a term of years.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 27.—The Jamaican newspapers express delight at the signing of the treaty between the United States and Colombia, providing for the completion of the Panama canal. They look upon it as opening a much needed field for Jamaican laborers and artisans.

## Two Killed in Wreck.

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 27.—Two men were killed and one fatally injured yesterday in a freight wreck which occurred on the Williamsport and North Branch railroad, near Satterfield, Sullivan county, a short distance from here. The dead are Edward Darling and Thomas Swan, brakemen. Harley Edkins, conductor, was pinned beneath the tender and had both legs broken. He was nearly frozen to death when rescued. He cannot recover. Engineer Slegelman and Lord Fairman, a brakeman, were also injured. The wreck was caused by an open switch. Conductor Edkins died after being rescued from the wreck.

## Stolen Securities Recovered.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—It is reported from Stanton, Mo., that securities to the amount of \$90,000 were recovered yesterday from the house of Frank Rudolph by a party of detectives. These securities were part of the loot of the bank of Union, Mo., which was robbed two days after Christmas, when money and valuable paper amounting to nearly \$120,000 were taken. William Anderson, or Rudolph, and Frank Lewis, the supposed robbers and murderers of detective Charles J. Schumacher, are still at large. A reward of \$1,800 has been offered for their arrest.

## Eight Miners Badly Burned.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 27.—An explosion of gas occurred in the Oakwood colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company yesterday evening, in which eight men were badly burned. All the victims are foreigners. A foreign miner had ignited a body of gas. He and his laborer took off their coats and fought the fire, which was soon extinguished. When the eight men came along later they ran into a big body of gas and the explosion followed. Three of the men burned were taken to their homes. Four others are in the hospital.

## Steam Barge Lost.

Lewes, Del., Jan. 27.—The barge Jennie Hughes, of New Brunswick, N. J., from Norfolk, Va., for Pawtucket, R. I., with bituminous coal, was caught in a heavy northeast gale Sunday morning, about 15 miles south of Fenwick island light, and was lost. Her engine house was stove in, machinery disabled and she was rapidly filling with water when Captain Schoop and her crew of five men were taken off by the tug Gypsum King, which had the barge in tow. The captain and crew were landed here yesterday and immediately left for New York.

## Applied to State Department.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The state of Pennsylvania has applied to the state department to learn the proper procedure to secure the extradition of Fred L. Baker, a jewelry drummer, under arrest at Rio, on a charge of embezzling goods to the value of several thousand dollars from a Lancaster, Pa., corporation.

Connellsville Real Estate Bulletin,  
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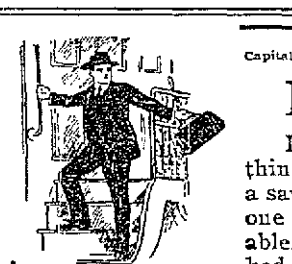
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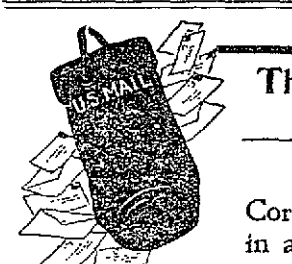
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## Railroad Time Tables.



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# THE KIDNAPPED MILLIONAIRES

A TALE OF WALL STREET AND THE TROPICS

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It was a hard climb, but Sidney made it. He stood at last directly over the waterfall. Without stopping to admire the view spread out before him, he plunged into the forest which sloped upward. It grew thicker as he advanced. Suddenly he came to a solid mass of trees and brush, woven into a thicket so dense that no animal larger than a rabbit could penetrate it for a yard. Sidney walked along the edge of this jungle for half a mile or more, but his search for an opening was stopped by the fact that the vegetable barrier finally extended to the edge of the cliff. The explorer then selected a tall logwood tree, and after a hard struggle "climbed" up to the lower branches and climbed nearly to the top. From this elevation he had a fair view of this part of the jungle, but could only guess at its extent. He found that it continued unbroken to the top of a hill fully a mile away, and beyond he made out the outlines of other and higher hills, probably four or five miles away.

Sidney Hammond was not unfamiliar with such jungles, having encountered them in the mountains of New Mexico, but those northern thickets were not to be compared to the tropical mass which now confronted him. He sat in the branches of the tree for some time. Suddenly he realized it was hot, and at the same moment the sound of two shots came from the valley. He was fearful that his companion was in danger. Mr. Kent had selected the shotgun, hoping to shoot grouse or quail. These birds had been seen in abundance, but it had been decided to bag none until the time came to start for camp. In a few minutes Sidney was at the bottom of the cliff. Mr. Kent was not to be seen. Sidney ran to where he had left the millionaire. He then yelled at the top of his voice.

An answering call came from a ravine to the left. Sidney ran in that direction. Mr. Kent was standing under a tree, with the shotgun half raised. He was looking intently at a jagged pile of rocks a short distance away. At his feet was a dead deer.

"Hurry up!" said Mr. Kent as Sidney approached. "Do you see that fellow on that rock over there? See him?"

Mr. Kent pointed at the rocks. Stretched out at full length on a flat slab of sandstone was a lean, thin, dun-colored beast. He looked and acted like a big cat. When Sidney approached the large round head was lowered over the edge of the rock, and the animal was intently watching Mr. Kent and the deer. A moment later he rose to his feet, stretched out his neck, and emitted a half-yawn and half-growl. Sidney brought the rifle to his shoulder. The beast snarled and poised for a leap to the ground below. The shot rang out. The big cat turned his head like a flash and bit at his shoulder as if a bee had stung him. He gave a roar, leaped into the air and fell in a heap at the bottom of the rocks. Sidney advanced toward him slowly, but no caution was necessary. The mountain lion was dead.

"It seemed a shame to kill him," said Sidney, as he lifted one of his big paws. "He looked fine on that rock."

"He didn't look so blamed fine to me," said Mr. Kent.

It was noon, and although the sun was warm, Sidney was reluctant to return to the bungalow without making one more attempt to penetrate the jungle to the west, and if possible reach the crest of the hills which could be seen beyond. He imagined that from that point of vantage it would be possible to determine the approximate shape of the island, and hoped to identify it by a comparison with those islands shown on the maps which he had found in the books of the bungalow library. They therefore decided to satisfy their hunger with bananas and pawpaws. They found the latter very refreshing. Sidney knocked two from a tree. They were the size of a small pumpkin, and the flavor was much the same as that of a nutmeg muskmelon. These, with fresh water from a spring, were sufficient to stay their hunger.

"This is the first Robinson Crusoe meal we have had," said Mr. Kent. "There is not much of the romantic in my disposition, but I rather like this sort of thing for a change. But only for a change. I would rather be east away in a bungalow with electric fans and a cooking range, than on a desert reef with a shotgun and a naked savage. To my mind, old Robinson Crusoe was in mighty hard luck."

It would not do to leave the deer behind; there being no place to hide it where wild animals could not reach the carcass, and it was agreed that Mr. Kent should guard his trophy and attempt to shoot some grouse, quail or other game, while Sidney completed the search for an outlet through the jungle. Mr. Kent said he would take chances with a shotgun, and agreed to fire twice in rapid succession if he needed assistance.

Sidney started for the cliffs and promised to return within two or three hours.

He scaled the rocks and again stood on the height overlooking the valley. The bluff extended far as he could see, but as Sidney continued south he found that it gradually decreased in height until it finally came to the level of the "park." The edge of the jungle was irregular, but at no place was he able to penetrate it a distance exceeding 200 yards from the edge of the cliff. Gradually he worked to the east. Here the jungle was not so thick, but yet it was impossible to force a way through it.

Thus Sidney toiled along. At times he saw deer, and could easily have shot them, for they were absolutely fearless, and seemed devoid of curiosity. He was startled once by the sound of a snapping twig behind him, and turned only to see a splendid spotted deer not two rods distant. Sidney threw up his hands and "shooed" him away. The buck ran a few yards and stopped, but did not follow up his study of human species.

Suddenly Sidney came upon the reservoir. He had made the circuit of all that part of the park south of the brook. It did not take long to complete the survey of the remaining portion. The "park" was an island in a jungle, which would yield a passage only to an axe. He rejoined Mr. Kent, who proudly exhibited an assortment of game, which spoke well for his marksmanship. He had several grouse and three splendid pheasants.

Sidney told what he had learned, and they started for the bungalow. The birds were strong against the back of the deer. It was a heavy load and they took frequent rests. With faces and hands scratched, and necks and cheeks sunburned, they reached the bungalow about five o'clock in the afternoon.

The colony was in a furor of excitement. Mr. Pence was in great peril. In fact, he might be dead!

Mr. Rockwell hurriedly explained what had happened as he ran with Sidney and Mr. Kent to the stone pier, where Mr. Carmody and others were launching a raft which had been constructed in great haste. Mr. Pence announced, when he reluctantly started along the beach, that he would not remain away later than noon. He said he might be back sooner, since the chances were that the tide would rise so high as to render his later return difficult and dangerous. He did not appear in camp at noon, and half an hour later Mr. Carmody took the marine glasses and went to the beach. Out near the gate to the bay he saw Mr. Pence standing on a rock, seemingly looking into the water. He saw Mr. Pence go ashore and disappear for a time in a thicket. Then he returned to the rock and remained for nearly an hour. Mr. Carmody thought from his motions that he was fishing, but it was learned he had taken no tackle with him. Mr. Rockwell, Mr. Haven and others came down to the beach and watched the figure across the bay. They were equally mystified. At last Mr. Pence again disappeared. In a few moments he reappeared, and frantically waved a handkerchief on the end of a stick, as an evident signal of distress.

During this time, those on the stone pier noted with alarm that the tide had risen, so that it was impossible to walk along the beach at the base of the cliffs. It was at once decided to build a raft and rescue Mr. Pence. For some time he had not been seen, neither had the flag of distress been waved from the rock.

Rough paddles were chopped from pieces of lumber, and the raft was launched with Sidney Hammond, Vincent, Mr. Carmody and Mr. Morton as the life-saving crew. The tide was strong against them, and it was half an hour before they approached the place where Mr. Pence was last seen. They called his name, and were delighted to hear a faint response from behind the rocks. The rescuers paddled around and found a



THEY FOUND A CROUCHING FIGURE ON THE LEDGE.

crouching figure on a narrow ledge just above the steadily rising tide. Simon Pence was speechless with terror. The ledge on which he stood was now an island, but Sidney observed that at low tide it must have been connected with the shore. They placed the third member of the committee on exploration on the raft, and aided by the tide made a quick voyage back to the camp. By this time Mr. Pence had partially recovered, and under the stimulus of a glass of brandy told the story of his adventure.

"I went along the shore and kept a sharp lookout for alligators and things like that," said Mr. Pence. "Nothing happened, however, and I went clear out to those big rocks by the ocean. There the sea comes right in and you cannot get past. The rocks drop down into deep water, and there is no sign of a beach. I started back and decided to go out on that rock where you found me."

Mr. Pence paused and shuddered at the thought. "I ran out from the shore like a deer," he continued. "I went out at the end and sat down to watch the fishes. The water was clear as crystal, and the bottom was white sand. It was cool in the shade of the rock and I enjoyed it. I noticed a funny piece of quartz in the rock, and took out my knife to see if I could pry it out. In doing so I pulled out a coin and it struck the rock and bounced into the water. I could see it as it zigzagged through the water. A fish chased after it, and for a moment I thought he was going to swallow it, but he didn't."

Mr. Pence took another small taste of brandy to steady his nerves. "I could see where the nickel lay on the white sand," he said. "I knew it was a nickel, as I had but 11 cents and a bridge ticket when I left New York, and when I counted my money out on that rock I had only six cents. That proved it was a nickel, and besides, it looked like a nickel. I went—"

"You know what a nickel looks like all right," said Mr. Kent. "Go on with your story. It grows interesting."

"I did not propose to lose that money," said Mr. Pence, regarding Mr. Kent with suspicion. "I could see it as plain as I see you. I was in about ten feet of water. I went ashore and cut a pole about 16 feet long, trimmed it up nicely, and went back. I reached down into the water and started to poke the nickel along towards the other end of the rock where the water was shallow and I could reach it. It was slow work. Sometimes I would poke it into the sand, and one time I was sure it was lost, but I dug it up again. At last I got it around to the other side of the rock, but was astonished to find that the water was five feet deep there. Then I thought of the tide! I jumped to the other side. To my horror I saw that the water was three feet over the place I had crossed, and was running like a millrace!"

"Did you get the nickel?" asked Mr. Kent.

"No," said Mr. Pence sadly. "An eddy of water whirled the sand over it while I was away. I put my handkerchief on the pole and waved for help. In my excitement I dropped the pole and it floated away with my handkerchief. The tide kept on rising until I could not stay on that side of the rock, so I went to the place where you found me. I expected every minute that an alligator, or a crocodile, or a shark would come along and get me. It was awful."

"You should be more careful with your money, Simon," said Mr. Kent. "You let me keep that bridge ticket for you. With your careless, reckless disposition in money matters you will be so reduced in circumstances when you reach New York that you will have to walk home."

Mr. Pence looked at the millionaire operator doubtfully but said nothing. He reached into his pocket, produced the six pennies and the red bridge ticket, and went to his room where he placed them in the inner recesses of a drawer.

During the absence of the relief committee Mr. Kent dressed the deer with much deftness, and Mr. Haven had, after some trouble, prepared three of the birds for the roasting pan. The range glowed with heat, and Sidney aided in the preparation of a dinner which had much of promise. The explorers had brought back two dozen bananas, and these graced the table. Pawpaws were picked from a tree near the bungalow. In about two hours the table was set, with a huge joint of roast venison and browned potatoes as the pièce de résistance. This was flanked by a grouse and the gold-breasted trampeter, which had fallen before the progress of Mr. Kent. Sidney had essayed some "baking powder biscuits" and had attained a culinary triumph. These served with jellies, some fine claret, and topped off with bananas, pawpaws and coffee completed a dinner which will not be forgotten by those who gathered around the board in that tropical bungalow.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### THE INTRICACIES.

"What does the exploration committee do to-day?" asked Mr. Kent, next morning, as he pushed his chair back from the breakfast table and bit the end from a cigar. "Morton," he said, as he finished the last of his coffee, "those venison chops were fine. Nature must have hesitated a long while before she decided whether to make you a financier or a cook. I am not sure that she did not make a mistake. Come on, Hammond, you cannot find out where we are by studying that map. Let's get busy."

"I do not care to be officious," said Sidney, "but I wish some of our gentlemen would give our committee your assistance for a day or two. The work I have in mind properly belongs to the housekeeping committee anyway. The 'park,' as we call it, is our game and fruit preserve. In an hour any one can shoot grouse, quail, pheasants, or deer, and

can pick all the bananas we need. The trouble is to get there, and to bring back these table luxuries. The trail along the brook is almost impossible. Two men with axes can put it in good shape in a day. I would like to explore the east shore of the island with Mr. Kent. Mr. Rockwell, you are President of the Social Island Colony. I suggest that you detail members to do this work on the trail."

"Certainly," answered the millionaire. "Mr. Morton and I will put the trail in good shape. Mr. Carmody is working on his plans for a boat, and will not need assistance for a day or two. How far is it from here to the 'park'?"

"About a mile, I should say," said Sidney. "Follow the brook until you come to the reservoir. I would take a gun along. You may meet one of Mr. Kent's 'painter' friends. This being settled, Sidney prepared to start across the bay. Mr. Vincent expressed a wish to help on the work of exploration, and it was decided that matters could be expedited by forming two parties—one to explore the coast north of the gateway of the bay, and the other to work along the south shore. It was therefore agreed that Mr. Pence and Mr. Vincent should take the south shore and Mr. Hammond and Mr. Kent the north shore. Mr. Pence protested vigorously against doing any more exploring, but Mr. Kent cut him short and reminded him that he was under military discipline.

"I refuse like this," he said, "it is always customary to shoot those who disobey orders. I have always been your friend, Pence, as you know, but if the chairman of the committee on exploration ordered me to shoot you I would do it with cheerful promptness."

Mr. Kent examined his rifle critically and looked serious. Mr. Pence said he was only joking, and would be glad to go. Each member of the expedition provided himself with a luncheon, and at eight o'clock they got on board the raft and paddled across the bay. The sun was not warm and shone through a peculiar saffron haze. The air was motionless. It was decided that Pence and Vincent should be landed first, and that Hammond and Kent should return for them with the raft not later than five o'clock in the afternoon. All were provided with rifles and ammunition.

They soon reached the shore at a point where it was possible to scale the rocks overlooking the ocean. Mr. Pence and Mr. Vincent left the raft and it was agreed that they should return at about five o'clock. They climbed the rocks and disappeared in the forest. Sidney and Mr. Kent pushed away from shore and headed the raft for the inlet.

There were no clouds in the sky, but the sun was almost obscured in a golden haze. They noted an unusual number of birds flying past, seemingly coming in from the ocean. There was not a breath of air stirring.

"I believe a storm is brewing," said Sidney.

"It is not in sight yet," replied his companion, as he appeared ineffectually at a passing fish. "I am going to come out here to-morrow and catch some of these fellows. I wonder what we can use for bait?"

"The brook is full of minnows," said Sidney. "I noticed a dip net among the things in the storeroom. Grubs, worms, or almost anything will do for bait."

"We might try mosquitoes," said Mr. Kent. "Some of them are large enough."

They approached the gateway connecting the ocean with the bay. This they found to be a passage not more than 100 yards in width, the cliffs rising perpendicularly or beetling over the water. Outside was a bar over which the long swell of the ocean rolled in curling breakers, as they reached the upheave of the shore. Inside was a deeper water, where the waves regained a part of their strength as they glided smoothly into the gateway.

"Let's see if we can get outside," said Mr. Kent. "If we can pass those breakers we can paddle out a mile or so and perhaps size up this island. Let's try it. You can swim, I suppose?"

"Yes, I can swim, and I guess we will have to before we can pass those breakers," said Sidney, as he watched the great surges sweep over the bar. "We will try it if you wish to take the risk."

"I am not afraid," said Mr. Kent, stoutly.

"All right. We will leave our guns and shoes ashore," suggested Sidney. "Our shirts and trousers are no more incumbrance than a bathing suit."

They stripped and paddled the raft boldly out to the bar. The nearer they approached the higher did the combers appear. A mass of green water would rise from the sea; its upper edge frayed with a line of light; the top-heavy mass would poise for an instant and then fall in a graceful curve, breaking into spouting masses of foam. The roar of these falling tons of water was in their ears, but they pushed steadily on. A giant wave dashed its strength out in a watery roar so near them that the spindrift was in their eyes and the salt on their lips.

"Now is the chance!" shouted Sidney. "Hard! Row hard!"

They pushed on their crude paddles with all their strength. One hundred yards away the sea was an undulating plain of smooth rollers. Could they reach it? The next wave rose before them. The forward end of the raft tilted back until it was nearly upright. Five feet in their rear the swell broke and churned the water in fury.

"Hurrah!" shouted Sidney. "Once more and we are all right!" As he spoke a mountain of water welled up from the ocean. Sidney gave it one glance. He knew the moods of the sea too well to make any mistake about that wave. Fifty feet away it reared its crest. Dark blue and blending green above it rose until it towered above their heads.

"Dive into it!" cried Sidney, as the edge of the comb broke into dazling white.

Mr. Kent hesitated for a moment, but Sidney dived straight into the breaker. For a few seconds, which seemed minutes, his ears were filled with the crash of waters. The under-pull pulled him down as if he were a straw. It seemed as if the weight of tons was holding him down; but, with a lucky stroke he came to the surface. He shook the water out of his eyes and looked for Mr. Kent. He was not in sight!

Sidney raised himself out of the water as high as possible and searched the foam-flecked water. The succeeding wave swept over him. Like all good swimmers, he kept his eyes open when under water. To the right he saw the dark outlines of some dark object, and struck out for it.

As Sidney came to the surface the second time, he saw Mr. Kent only a few yards away. He was conscious



HE WAS STRUGGLING DESPERATELY.

and was struggling desperately but wildly to keep afloat. In a moment Sidney was by his side. The next wave did not break and both had a breathing spell.

"Throw your left arm across my back and hang to my shirt," said Sidney, as he passed his arm under Mr. Kent's chest. "Keep cool; we are all right."

Mr. Kent did not for a moment lose his nerve or his self-control. He did as Sidney directed, grasping his shirt with a firm hold and using his right hand to aid in swimming. Three times they went below in the boiling surf, but they made slow yet steady progress towards the inlet. Mr. Kent did not reply in answer to Sidney's reassuring words, but devoted all his energies to keeping above water.

At last they passed the danger point, and reached the quiet waters, where the shattered surges rolled with a gentle swell. Mr. Kent glanced back and released his hold. "I'm all right," he said. "Much obliged."

Mr. Kent struck out for the raft, which was bobbing up and down in the water a few rods away. Sidney swam at his side and soon climbed aboard the raft. He helped Mr. Kent to his feet, and then swam for the paddles, which were floating toward the rocks. He recovered them and was again safe on the raft.

"Are you all right, Mr. Kent?" asked Sidney, as he grasped the hand of his companion and shook it earnestly.

"I am all right, except that I have a quart or more of salt water in my stomach," said Mr. Kent, who seemed more chagrined than hurt. "It is a lucky thing for me that you are a strong swimmer. I could not have kept up. You saved my life, Hammond. I don't know how to thank you for a little thing like that."

"Don't try," said Sidney, laughing heartily. "I am glad you are not injured. How did it happen?"

"Like a fool, I did not take your advice and dive in time," said Mr. Kent. "I thought the raft would ride that wave, and so I took a chance. It tipped squarely over and when I tried to jump my foot slipped. The raft came over right on top of me, and for a moment I was stunned. I don't know how long I was under water. The first thing I remember was when you yelled in my ear. I knew enough to do as I was told. In my time, I have helped persons out of the water, and have not forgotten the rules. The next wave would have fixed me. I could not get my breath, and was losing my strength."

They soon were on shore; removed their garments, wrung them out, and remained in the shade of a tree until their clothing was dried sufficiently to wear. Mr. Kent would listen to no proposition involving an immediate return to the bungalow, and stoutly declared he was as well as ever. After an hour's rest they proceeded to climb the slope of the rock which formed the north portal of the gateway. It was a long, hard struggle over the rocks and through brush and briars. But they kept on and at last stood on the summit of the crag, 100 feet above the ocean.

"Look at that!" exclaimed Sidney. He pointed in the direction where there was a cleft in the ridge of hills to the northwest. There showed the faint outlines of a distant giant mountain peak; a pyramid whose top was white with eternal snow.

"See that mountain peak!" he ex-

claimed. Mr. Kent's eyes were not so good as Sidney's, but he soon made out the outlines of a mountain.

"That peak is about 150 miles from here," said Sidney in great joy. "It must be on the mainland of Mexico or Central America. There are no ranges on any islands with peaks like that. We are within sight of shore. That mountain is a long way off, but I do not believe that it can be more than 150 miles. It looks like a volcano. I imagine I can see a column of smoke above it. With a favoring wind we can make the mainland in a day. This is great. We can build a boat and get away from this island in less than two weeks at the most."

"It certainly looks as if you are right," said Mr. Kent. "I wonder how big this island is?"

They studied the shape of the coast, but it gave no answer to Mr. Kent's question. From where they stood it was apparent no exploration of the shore from below was possible. Even at low tide the ocean beat at the foot of the rocks, casting its spray far up their sides. In places, the never-resting waves had worn caverns into the cliffs. They determined to make an attempt to reach the northern ridge of hills by skirting the brow of the cliffs, but postponed this until after luncheon. This they ate with good appetite, and luckily found a spring of clear, cool water bubbling from the crevice of a rock.

"Simon Pence is a queer character," observed Sidney, tossing a banana skin over the cliff. "I suppose he means well, but he is what some people call a little mean."

"Did you ever hear of the time the committee waited on him to get a contribution for some clarity?" asked Mr. Kent.

Sidney had not. "It was decided to raise a sum of money for some deserving charity," continued Mr. Kent. "I have forgotten what it was—there are so many of them. At any rate, the paper went the rounds, and they called on me among others. I signed for a sum, and glanced over the list. Morton was down for \$2,000, Rockwell had signed for \$2,500, Carmody had pledged \$3,000—he is very liberal and charitable, as he can afford to be—Haven was down for something, and there was a lot of others. I noticed that Mrs. Simon Pence was on the paper for \$50. Well, the committee called on Pence. They were admitted and explained their mission. He sighed and looked at the list. He read it up and down, and suddenly came upon the name Mrs. Simon Pence. He picked up his pen and wrote something. The committee was all expectation. He handed it back to them. What do you suppose they saw?"

"I am sure I cannot guess?"

"He had written 'Mr. and Mrs. Simon Pence.' That was his contribution. There is no way to beat him. Let's be moving."

They made their way along the edge of the cliffs for perhaps half a mile, but could go no further. Retracing their steps, they again stood on the rock overlooking "Morton's Bay" and the ocean.

At the same moment both gave an exclamation and pointed out to sea. "The upper rigging of a ship," showed clear on the eastern horizon, but she was hulled down on the waste of waters. For half an hour they gazed at the dim outlines of masts and sails.

"She is fully 25 miles away," said Sidney, as he gazed longingly at the disappearing vessel. "We must erect a signal from some point like this, and keep a man on watch during the day. If one ship passes more are likely to, and some may come near enough to see and understand our signal."

"Look at those clouds," said Mr. Kent. "There comes your storm. What time is it?"

"Half past two. Those are remarkable looking clouds. I never saw anything like them before. Let us get our raft across the bay. If Vincent and Pence are wise they will come back at once. We are going to have some wind."

In the southeast a murky rainbow of clouds extended over a quarter of the horizon. The crown of this arch reached about 20 degrees above the sea line. Its upper edges were gray, with flecks of white. Then it shaded into a blue, and lower into a band of darker gray. Below it was saffron blending into a murky red at the horizon. Before Sidney and Mr. Kent had reached the raft, the breeze had died away. Slowly the dun arch climbed the heavens.

It was three o'clock when the raft reached the place which had been agreed upon. Sidney fired his rifle twice as a signal; and both yelled at the top of their voices. There was no response, and they both fired, and again shouted. Sidney climbed up the rocks. He called repeatedly, but there was no reply.

There was a moaning sound in the air which seemed to come from the sea. Everything was bathed in an unearthly reddish-yellow light. The trees were motionless as if cast in bronze.

"See how fast the tide is rising!" exclaimed Mr. Kent. "You can see it rise. Look at that!"

He pointed towards the inlet. A dark ridge rose out of the lake. On the opposite shores was a moving line of white.

To be Continued Tomorrow.

Brakeman Killed. J. W. Jackson, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman, was run down and killed by a train at New Castle, Pa.

Hunting a Candidate. The Democrats of Uniontown want Major Luke H. Fraser to run for Burgess.

### The Erratic and Fickle Missouri

[Special Correspondence.]  
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26.—The Missouri river has performed many strange and erratic feats, but the recent abandonment of Nebraska City, Neb., in a single night must be regarded as its star performance. Between sundown and sunrise this most remarkable of rivers left its bed in front of Nebraska City and found another for itself two miles distant. When the good people of the town arose in the morning, they were appalled to find that the river that had been running past their doors for a score of years had suddenly taken its departure, leaving only the bed of dark gray sand and silt where twelve hours before had coursed the turbid waters of the "Big Muddy."

Nebraska City, which is about fifty miles above this city, stands, or rather stood, on an arm or a bend of the

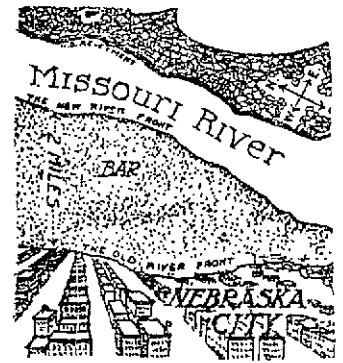


DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW THE MISSOURI RIVER ABANDONED NEBRASKA CITY.

Missouri, which is a stream of innumerable bends and turns. Twenty-five years ago the river was comparatively straight in front of the site of Nebraska City, but it suddenly swerved in against the Nebraska bank and established there a channel fully two miles from the bed in which it had been wont to flow. It looked like a permanent change. The founders of Nebraska City were without doubt of its permanency. The city was built, and the river was made the source of water supply.

Of course all this is bad for Nebraska City, involving some serious losses and much inconvenience and giving rise to perplexing questions affecting riparian rights and real estate titles. However, to an enterprising and progressive town like Nebraska City the damage is not irreparable. The troublesome thing is the uncertainty about the future conduct of the river. Nobody knows when the "Big Muddy" will go on another rampage and change its course again.

What the Missouri has done to Nebraska City it may possibly do at any time of flood to other cities or towns along its banks. So at least say the engineers who are reasonably familiar with the strange and unaccountable doings of the great river. There are perhaps some few points where local work has been done with such thoroughness that there is no immediate danger of the river breaking it down, but along the greater portion of the river's length there is nothing to stay the tide of the Missouri if it takes a notion to quit the town. It might leave St. Joseph in the same way, and possibly Kansas City, though this city is better secured than any other place on the Missouri.

The banks of the Missouri are a soft alluvium, into which the water cuts rapidly. They are softer banks than those of the Mississippi, and the power of the Missouri is greater. It exerts against its banks an average of some 50,000 horsepower, which is enough to do very destructive work.

An excess of energy in the Missouri means the creation of a new channel—that is, if there is placed any obstruction in the stream the water mounts higher and exerts an increased pressure. The result is that the Missouri works around behind dikes and all sorts of shore protections and tumbles them down or covers them over.

The Missouri carries in its water a great quantity of sand and silt. It deposits this or carries it away according to conditions, and it can change its course in a night because it can fill one channel with silt and cut another in the soft alluvium without any trouble at all.

It must be understood also that the Missouri is some two and one-half times as long as the valley it traverses, and probably has more bends and crooks and less straight stretches than any other big river on earth, which adds to the difficulty of retaining the water within its channel at times of flood.

What to do with the Missouri river has been a problem ever since it was discovered. It remains a great problem today. The United States government has spent something more than \$7,000,000 upon it and has finally abandoned the effort to make it a tractable stream.

In the early days the Missouri was the great highway between the Mississippi valley and the great northwest. When the railroads began to crawl out on the plains the steamboating business on the Missouri began to fall off. But it did not entirely perish until within the last ten years. During last year there was but a single Missouri river steamer out of St. Louis regularly, and that a wee bit of a boat which would hardly have been able to whistle a roustabout away from his dreams on the stage plank in the halcyon days of Missouri river boating.  
HENRY W. MILLER.

### EACH BROUGHT SUITS.

Motions for New Trials in the Borough-Hogg Damage Case.

Uniontown, Jan. 27.—Motions were filed today by the borough of Connellsville for a new trial in the damage case against them brought by the Hogg heirs. The latter also made a motion for a new trial. They want more damages than the jury allowed, over \$5,000. In the case of Catherine S. Cochran, a petition for the appointment of a guardian over whom was presented some time ago was called up. The court appointed Mary S. Cochran, grandmother of the child. She gave a bond of \$1,000.

Constable Milton Morris and Policeman Henry Douglas had a lively chase after a prisoner Monday. A few days ago Henry Titlow, proprietor of the McClelland House, had placed some money in a bag preparatory to making a deposit in the bank. Before going out his attention was called to another part of the house. He left the money sack, containing \$65 or \$70 in the office and when he returned the money was gone. Suspicion pointed to William, alias "Buckey" Hagan, a worthless character who is always loafing about town. An information was made against him before Squire Miller and the officers had been looking for him ever since. Sunday he was heard of as being at Lemont. The officers started after him and traced him to the mountain. He happened to be in a farm house well up the ridge and saw the two officers coming up the road. He started out and they gave chase. They tracked him through the snow from place to place until about 1 o'clock in the afternoon when they overtook him and placed him under arrest. They arrived at the jail about 2 o'clock, after an experience which the officers, at least, are not particularly anxious to have repeated. Hagan was at the hotel at the time of the theft, and, moreover, began spending money in various ways at once. This alone would convict the fellow, as he is never known to have any money under ordinary circumstances.

George W. Jackson of Morgantown and Mary D. Carter of Uniontown; A. S. Deal and Edith Reeves of Ursina, Somerset county were among the couples licensed to wed here Monday. The minister's fee was eliminated in each case by taking advantage of the statute providing for self marriage.

The County Commissioners are now busy receiving the certificates of nomination and getting the names ready to be printed on the official ballot. Considerable trouble arises from the election officers in some of the districts where there are more than one voting precinct making out a certificate of nomination for each precinct rather than for the general results. This will be the last week in which to file nomination certificates.

The condition of Hon. Frank M. Fuller, Secretary of the Common wealth, continues to grow more favorable from day to day and the attending physicians have but little doubt that he will be able to be around in a short time. His attack of pneumonia is light but in all probability would have been severe had he not been given the best of medical attention and care from the start. His many political friends here and elsewhere as well as his personal friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Letters of administration on the estate of George M. Coldren, late of Nicholson township, were granted Saturday to Joseph Riffe. Bond \$1,000. The widow, Catherine Coldren, renounced her right to act. Mr. Coldren died at Woodside January 19, 1903.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Name of South Connellsville B. & L. Association Will Be Changed.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the South Connellsville Building & Loan Association held Monday, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Edmund Dunn; Vice President, D. F. Lepley; Secretary, James L. Kurtz; Treasurer, J. Fred Kurtz; Directors, J. A. Zimmerman, W. F. Solson, J. M. Cecil, Peter Rutsek, Morris Kolackier, F. A. Kail, Clark Collins, P. J. Tormay and J. D. Madigan. A resolution was offered changing the name of the Association to The Connellsville Building & Loan Association, eliminating the word "South." This is because a mistaken idea of the field of the Association has become current. The Association is doing business all over Greater Connellsville and vicinity. The change in name will be voted upon March 9, at a stockholders' meeting.

Secretary J. L. Kurtz read some interesting figures in his report at the meeting. At the beginning of the year the resources of the Association were \$39,000, and at the end of the year \$48,000; new loans amounting to \$11,600 were made and the total amount of loans is now \$43,000. The capital stock account totals \$43,000, there being 1,050 1/2 shares. There are 97 male and 36 female stockholders. Three hundred and forty-two new shares have been subscribed. The profits for the year were \$4,445. A 6% dividend on paid stock was paid, amounting to \$5508. A 5% dividend was paid on installment stock, amounting to \$3,363. The net profits of the Association for the year were \$3,676.

Fell from Scaffold.  
Ross Cupp died Thursday night as a result of injuries received in falling from a scaffold at Charleroi. He was a native of Wharton township.

College for Johnstown.  
The Brothers of St. Francis are to establish a college at Johnstown.

Literary in Taste.  
The Greensburg High School has three literary societies.

## Shells at Cost.

Not wishing to carry over any Shells, we are selling them out at cost.

W. M. C. Black Powder Shells 35 cents a box.

Peters' "New Victor" Smokeless Powder Shells 47 cents a box.

U. M. C. "Arrow Brand" Smokeless Shells 55 cents a box.

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LEADING DEALER,  
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